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PRODUCTION SUPPORT PRICE OF WHEAT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of wheat produced in the country during 2000-2001, State-wise;

(b) the support price of wheat fixed by the Government during the said period;

(c) whether the farmers in various States had to sell their wheat even at price lower than the support price; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): A statement showing state-wise advance estimates of wheat production during 1999-2000 is enclosed.

(b): The Minimum Support Price (MSP) of wheat fixed by the Government for the1999-2000 crop to be marketed in 2000-01 season is Rs.580 per quintal.

(c)&(d): The procurement operations in respect of wheat are carried out by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) in association with the State Governments and its agencies under the price support scheme of the Government. For this purpose sufficient number of purchase centres, are opened by FCI in consultation with State Governments, well inadvance before the commencement of each marketing season. The FCI and State Government agencies procure all quantities of wheat offered for sale provided these conform to the uniform specifications. All complaints relating to distress sale are taken up immediately with the FCI and the State Governments. The wheat below Fair Average Quality (FAQ) norms is not purchased by the procurement agencies and thefarmers sell it in the open market at ongoing market rates.

State-wise Advance Estimates of Wheat Production during 1999-200

States	Wheat (in '000 tonnes)
Andhra Pradesh	6
Assam	86
Bihar	4367
Gujarat	925
Haryana	9642
Himachal Pradesh	481
Jammu & Kashmir	365
Karnataka	176
Kerala	
Madhya Pradesh	8458
Maharashtra	1287
Orissa	8
Punjab	15852
Rajasthan	6732
Tamil Nadu	
Uttar Pradesh	25000
West Bengal	796
Others	65
All India	74246

Bold underlined are final estimates. Bold are revised advanced.